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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR JUST IN TIME COMPILATION OF INSTRUCTIONS

A method and apparatus provides a process in a data processing system for executing a method having a plurality of paths. The data processing system executes native machine code. A path is identified within the method that is being executed, wherein a plurality of bytecodes are associated with the path. Bytecodes are compiled for the path being executed, wherein the bytecodes are compiled into native machine code, wherein bytecodes for unexecuted paths remain uncompiled.